

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, today I come before the House of Representatives to honor and recognize the sacrifice of Sergeant Bishop Evans of the Texas National Guard, age 22, of Arlington, Texas.

Sergeant Evans gave his life to save two others. He exemplifies the spirit of service and sacrifice that those who volunteer to serve in our Nation's military personify.

He died an American hero. He was a light in times of darkness. May God bless his family.

Madam Speaker, at this time I request a moment of silence to honor the life of Sergeant Bishop Evans.

#### CELEBRATING PASTOR WILLIAMS' 11TH ANNIVERSARY AT ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise a great man of faith, Pastor Douglas L. Williams, III.

For the last 11 years he has been the pastor at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey.

In that time, he has done tremendous work to help his community. He was a strong supporter of vaccinations to protect members and residents from COVID-19. He worked to provide social services to people who were suffering due to COVID-19-related job losses and other hardships.

His goal as the pastor of Zion Hill has been to love people and grow an active community church, and he has done that.

I had the honor of attending his installation 11 years ago along with my father, the late Congressman DONALD PAYNE, Jr., as I was a city councilman at the time. And recently to celebrate the 11 incredible years he has given as the head of Zion Hill. I can say, he is truly succeeding in his goal.

So congratulations again to Pastor Douglas L. Williams, III, on 11 exceptional years as the pastor of my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, from across the street, who for 60 years have gone to that church, and also for the rest of the congregation at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

He is truly a man of faith who is a blessing to our community.

#### TAX DAY

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, Monday of last week was liberals' favorite holiday: Tax Day—which usually serves as an annual reminder of just how big the government has gotten.

However, instead of paying taxes on only one day of the year, Americans are being forced to pay an invisible tax every day this year: inflation—which is

a constant reminder of the cost of Big Government and big deficit spending.

Make no mistake, President Biden's and congressional Democrats' willingness to borrow trillions of dollars to pay for ever-growing wasteful government programs has caused record-high inflation. Prices at the pump and at the grocery store were already skyrocketing well before Vladimir Putin's evil invasion of Ukraine.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration wants to double down on these disastrous, inflation-inducing spending bills. His budget proposal calls for shelling out \$73 trillion over the next 10 years and would only add to the pain we all feel when we reach for our pocketbooks. Tennesseans can't afford another year of one-party Democratic control of Government.

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#### HONORING VIVIAN FAHR

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent, Ms. Vivian Fahr, who recently completed her GED at the age of 88.

After completing the 10th grade, Vivian left school and got married. From that point on, she never stopped working hard to raise four kids, pay the bills, and put food on the table. One day, she remarked to her daughter-in-law that she regretted never having had the chance to finish her education.

Vivian's family connected her to ProJeCt of Easton, an outstanding interfaith coalition in my district that provides free educational programs to members of the community. With the organization's help, Vivian started her coursework at age 87 and diligently worked to obtain her degree, always attending class, participating, and asking for assistance when needed.

Vivian is an inspiration to her children, her grandchildren, the greater Lehigh Valley community, and students of all ages. She is a testament to the importance of high-quality education.

Congratulations, Vivian.

#### DEMOCRATS' SOFT-ON-CRIME POLICIES

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, crime is soaring under President Biden and the Democrats' soft-on-crime policies nationally and in my home State of California.

More police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2021 than in any year since 1995. Last year, over a dozen U.S. cities set new homicide records. Shootings of police officers have increased 63 percent compared to this time in 2020.

Instead of addressing these deadly statistics, some Democrats in blue cities want to defund and demonize our police.

Instead of focusing on dangerous individuals with illegal weapons who commit these deadly crimes, President Biden has chosen to attack law-abiding Americans exercising their Second Amendment rights. He wants the ATF to ban privately made firearms, so-called ghost guns, which are predominantly a hobbyist option and require more time, tooling, and dedication to craftsmanship than most criminals are willing to invest.

Instead of throwing the books at criminals, they are coming after private citizens, even going so far as to call parents at school board meetings terrorists.

Now, they want to introduce legislation that would target law enforcement and servicemembers as potential domestic terrorists. This is deeply offensive to our men and women in uniform and also goes against evidence that terrorist incidents are far more likely to be committed against military and law enforcement than by military and law enforcement.

This is wrongheaded, and we must stop this.

#### THANKING FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank our brave firefighters and first responders who are on the front lines, saving lives as wildfires burn across the beautiful State of New Mexico.

This week began with 20 wildfires burning across 16 counties of our State, causing thousands of New Mexicans to evacuate their homes. We mourn the lives that have been lost and stand in solidarity with the many families who have been forced to leave, in many cases, lands on which they have lived on for generations.

As we lift up our firefighters and first responders, I thank our Governor, Governor Lujan Grisham, for her leadership in the face of these devastating fires. Her quick response has saved lives, and I want to echo her call for additional support to coordinate emergency response across the State.

These wildfires show us why our votes in this body are so important, as we are sending more than \$5.5 billion to prevent and fight wildfires through the bipartisan infrastructure law and other bills we have passed.

As wildfires continue to burn across our State, we stand ready to support our Governor, local officials, firefighters, and everyone helping out. Together, as New Mexicans, we stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity and in support of our communities.